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Group Art Unit:

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Andrew Schechter

Title:

LIQUID CRYSTAL DEVICE HAVING MULTI-LAYER

ELECTRODE, METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME, AND

ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

(As amended)

Attorney Docket:

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<u>COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE</u>

Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear the Examiner's reasons for allowing a claim or claims." 37 C.F.R. 1.104 (e). In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole makes clear the reasons for allowance and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted, especially since the statement may unfairly focus on certain reasons for allowance which are not reflected by the prosecution history. Therefore, the record should reflect that Applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. For example, while

Applicant believes the claims are allowable, Applicant may not unequivocally agree that patentability resides solely in the specific feature or combination of features identified, or that each feature or combination of features identified is required for patentability, or that equivalents of any of the recited features are outside the scope of the claims. Moreover, to the extent the reasons for allowance do not separately address the subject matter of all the claims, Applicant does not acquiesce to any inference that the nonaddressed claims fail to present other reasons for patentability apart from the patentability of the claims which were specifically addressed by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 31, 2003, enclosed please find 19 sheets of corrected formal drawings (Figures 1-20) for the above-identified application.

Favorable consideration and acceptance of these formal drawings is respectfully requested.

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